

SENIOR SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Middletown Senior Center

150 William Street

December 6, 2011

5:00 PM

1. Members Present: Councilman Philip Pessina, Councilman Ron Klattenberg, Commissioners: Ed Dypa, Ed Rubacha, Annabelle Malone, William Wasch and Phyllis Pollock
Absent: Claude Hendrickson

Staff Present: Raymond A. Santostefano, Interim Senior Center Director, Stephan Allison, Interim Program Manager and Heidi Geores, Senior Center Staff
Absent: None

General Public: Bonnie Deak, Paula Diaz, and a Middletown Press representative

2. Meeting Called to Order: Called to order at 5:02.

3. Public Hearing: None

4. Approval of October Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2011 was made by Councilman Klattenberg, seconded by Annabelle Malone and Councilman Pessina abstained.

Departmental Reports:

Director Raymond A. Santostefano:

- Highlights on the Senior Expos held in Cromwell and Middletown.
- The October snow storm greatly affected the senior population. The Senior Center was without power for one day. CRT was unable to serve lunches that week. Staff (Laura Runte and Heidi Geores) were directed by the Mayor to go to each of the senior housings in town to advise residents of the shelter provided at Middletown High School and that free transportation was available to all who chose to go. All department staff assisted at the shelter.

Program Updates – Stephan Allison

- Friday dinners continue to be a popular program serving on average 50 patrons each.
- Additional popular programs: Haircuts (unisex), monthly breakfast sponsored by Middlesex Health Care Center, Holiday Table Top Decorating Workshop – sponsored by Middletown Garden Club.
- Collette Vacation is offering a trip in September 2012 to National Parks and the Grand Tetons. This also serves as a fund raising opportunity for the Senior Center.

Old Business

- **Update on New Senior Center:**

- Councilman Ron Klattenberg reported that there will be a meeting of the building committee on Monday, December 12, 2012 at 6:00 in the Police Station.
- **Update on Triad:**
 - Commissioner Dypa reports that Triad held a fair in Meriden. Information was available on many topics including: fraud/scams, disaster and estate planning and buddy system.
 - Discussion on publishing an article through the Middletown Patch to provide information on the Triad and Gatekeeper programs.
- **Treadmill:**
 - The City's Risk Manager and insurance carrier have provided the Senior Center with necessary documents for patrons interested in using the treadmill. The treadmill is now available for use.

New Business:

- **Dental Clinic:**
 - The first of three dental clinics scheduled has been successful. Approximately 35 patrons were served. The next clinic will be held in February

Miscellaneous:

- Councilman Pessina will check with the Health Department about the possibility of procuring a defibrillator.
- Commissioner Dypa motioned to accept the proposed meeting dates for the upcoming year, keeping the first Tuesday of each month – seconded by Annabelle Malone and passed unanimously
- Councilman Pessina motioned to keep the scheduled meeting time at 5:00 PM rather than adopt the 7:00 PM standard recently put into place – seconded by Commissioner Bill Wasch and passed unanimously
- Councilman Klattenberg suggested that the Senior Center's monthly newsletter should include an update on the new building – he will provide text.

Adjournment: Commissioner Dypa moved to adjourn. Seconded and motion unanimously approved at 5:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Geores